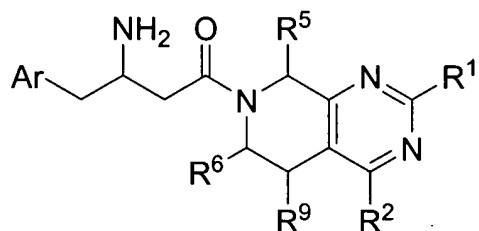


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A compound of the formula I:



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wherein:

Ar is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 of R³, wherein R³ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) halogen,
- (2) C₁-6alkyl, which is linear or branched and is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (3) OC₁-6alkyl, which is linear or branched and is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (4) CN, and
- (5) OH;

R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) CN,
- (3) C₁-10alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with:
 - (a) halogen, or

- (b) phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, R⁴, OR⁴, NSO₂R⁴, N(C₁-6alkyl)SO₂R⁴, SO₂R⁴, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, NR⁷R⁸, CONR⁷R⁸, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched,
- (4) phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, R⁴, OR⁴, NSO₂R⁴, N(C₁-6alkyl)SO₂R⁴, SO₂R⁴, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, NR⁷R⁸, CONR⁷R⁸, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched,
- (5) a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be saturated or unsaturated comprising 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, S and O, the heterocycle being unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from oxo, halogen, NO₂, CN, OH, R⁴, OR⁴, NSO₂R⁴, N(C₁-6alkyl)SO₂R⁴, SO₂R⁴, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, NR⁷R⁸, CONR⁷R⁸, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched,
- (6) C₃-6cycloalkyl, which is optionally substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl and OC₁-6alkyl are linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (7) OH,
- (8) OR⁴, and
- (9) NR⁷R⁸;

R⁴ is C₁-6alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 groups independently selected from halogen, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) C₁-10alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents selected from:
- (a) halogen,
- (b) hydroxy,

- (c) phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (d) naphthyl, wherein the naphthyl is optionally substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (e) CO₂H,
- (f) CO₂C₁-6alkyl,
- (g) CONR⁷R⁸,
- (3) CN,
- (4) phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from C₁-6alkyl, OC₁-6alkyl, hydroxy and halogen, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (5) naphthyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from C₁-6alkyl, OC₁-6alkyl, hydroxy and halogen, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,
- (6) CO₂H,
- (7) CO₂C₁-6alkyl,
- (8) CONR⁷R⁸, and
- (9) C₃-6cycloalkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens;

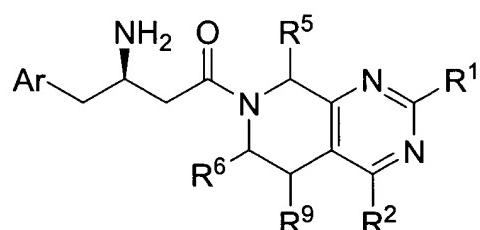
R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens,

- (3) C₃-6cycloalkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens, and
- (4) C₁-6alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with:
- (a) halogen, or
- (b) phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁-6alkyl, and OC₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens, or wherein R⁷ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heterocyclic ring selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, and morpholine wherein said heterocyclic ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, C₁-6 alkyl, and C₁-6 alkoxy, wherein alkyl and alkoxy are unsubstituted or substituted with one to five halogens;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof.

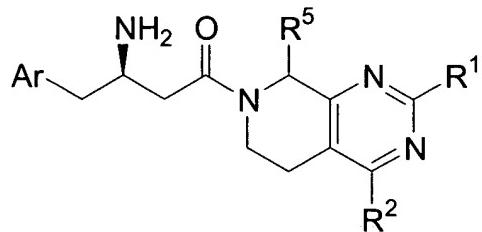
2. (original) The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ia:



Ia

wherein Ar, R¹, R², R⁵, R⁶ and R⁹ are defined in Claim 1;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof.

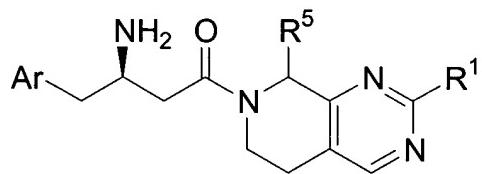
3. (original) The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ib:



Ib

wherein Ar, R¹, R² and R⁵ are defined in Claim 1;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof.

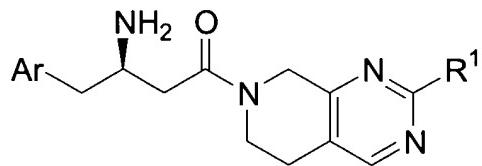
4. (original) The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ic:



Ic

wherein Ar, R¹ and R⁵ are defined in Claim 1;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof..

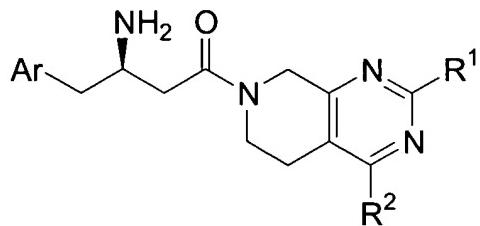
5. (original) The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Id:



Id

wherein Ar and R¹ are defined in Claim 1;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof..

6. (original) The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ie:



Ie

wherein Ar, R¹ and R² are defined in Claim 1;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an individual diastereomer thereof..

7. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein Ar is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 of R³ which are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) fluoro,
- (2) chloro,
- (3) bromo,
- (4) methyl,
- (5) CF₃, and
- (6) OH.

8. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein Ar is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) phenyl,
- (2) 2-fluorophenyl,
- (3) 3,4-difluorophenyl,
- (4) 2,5-difluorophenyl, and
- (5) 2,4,5-trifluorophenyl.

9. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,

- (2) C₁-6alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl or 1-5 fluoro,
- (3) phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, R⁴, OR⁴, NSO₂R⁴, N(C₁-6alkyl)SO₂R⁴, SO₂R⁴, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, NR⁷R⁸, CONR⁷R⁸, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched,
- (4) a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be saturated or unsaturated comprising 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, S and O, the heterocycle being unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from oxo, halogen, NO₂, CN, OH, R⁴, OR⁴, NSO₂R⁴, N(C₁-6alkyl)SO₂R⁴, SO₂R⁴, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, NR⁷R⁸, CONR⁷R⁸, CO₂H, and CO₂C₁-6alkyl, wherein the C₁-6alkyl is linear or branched,
- (5) C₃-6cycloalkyl, and
- (6) NR⁷R⁸.

10. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) CF₃,
- (3) phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, methyl, CF₃, OCF₃, NSO₂Me, NSO₂CF₃, SO₂Me, SO₂CF₃, SO₂NH₂, NH₂, NHMe, NMe₂, and CONH₂,
- (4) pyridine, pyrazine, and imidazole which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from CF₃, Me, and NO₂,
- (5) cyclopropyl,
- (6) morpholine,
- (7) NH₂,
- (8) NHMe,
- (9) NMe₂, and
- (10) NHCH₂Ph.

11. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) CF₃,
- (3) phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, methyl, CF₃, OCF₃, NHO₂Me, SO₂Me, SO₂CF₃, SO₂NH₂, and CONH₂,
- (4) pyridine, pyrazine, or imidazole which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from CF₃, Me, and NO₂, and
- (5) cyclopropyl.

12. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen or CF₃.

13. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) C₁₋₆alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 fluoro,
- (3) OH,
- (4) OR⁴, and
- (5) NR⁷R⁸.

14. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) OH,
- (3) methoxy,
- (4) isopropoxy,
- (5) CF₃,
- (6) NH₂, and
- (7) NHMe.

15. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen.

16. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen, and
- (2) C₁₋₁₀alkyl, which is linear or branched and which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents selected from:
 - (a) halogen, and
 - (b) phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1-5 substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, C₁₋₆alkyl, and OC₁₋₆alkyl, wherein the C₁₋₆alkyl and OC₁₋₆alkyl are linear or branched and optionally substituted with 1-5 halogens.

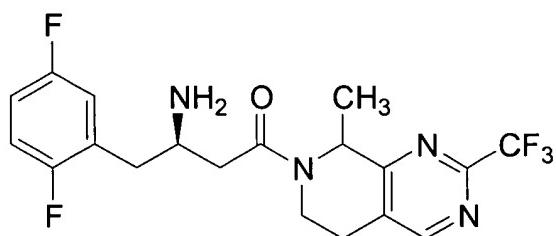
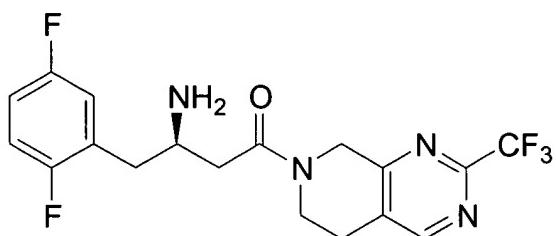
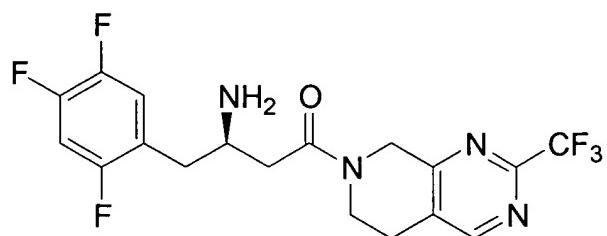
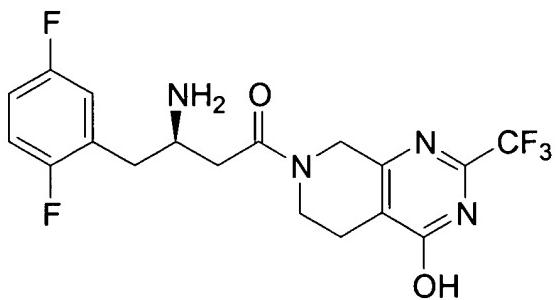
17. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) CH₃, and
- (3) CH₂-phenyl.

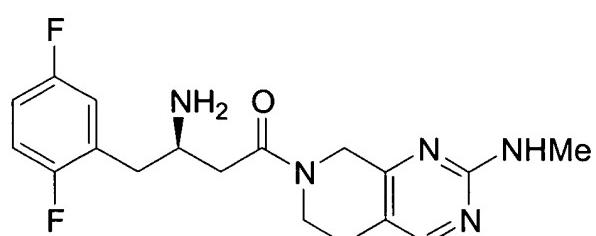
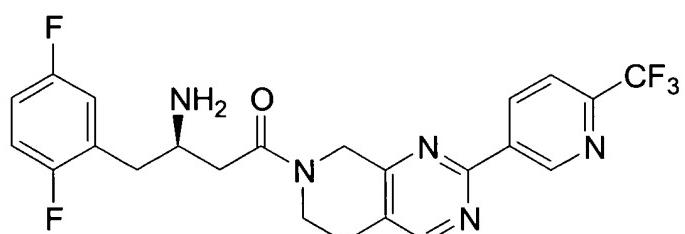
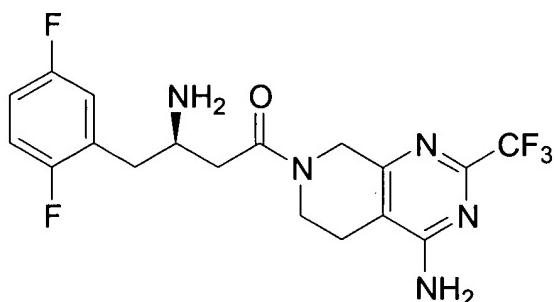
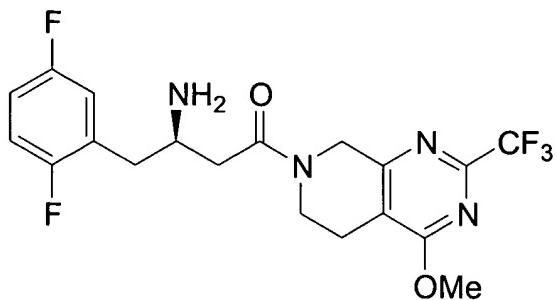
18. (original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁵ is H or CH₃ and R⁶ and R⁹ are hydrogen.

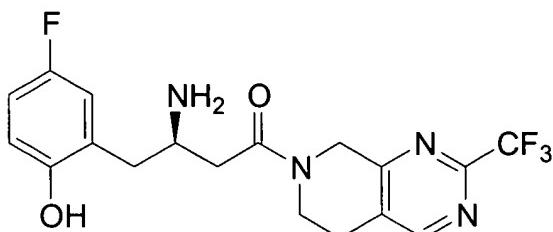
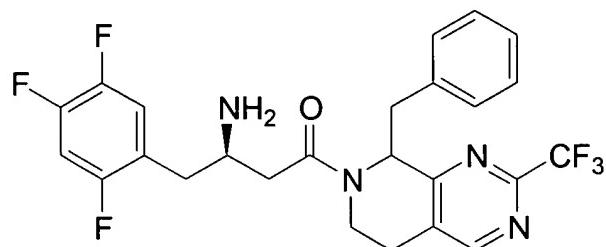
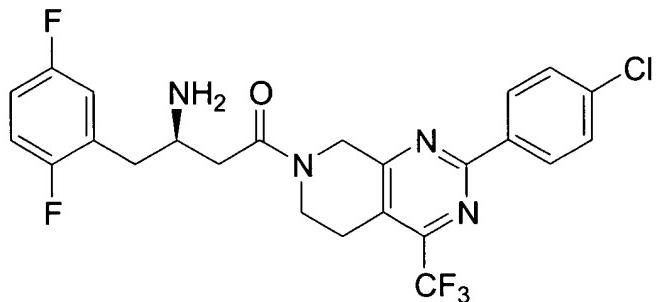
19. (original) A compound which is selected from the group consisting of:

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises an inert carrier and a compound of Claim 1.

21-39. (cancelled)

40. (new) A method of treating Type diabetes comprising administering to a mammalian patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1